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VIA ECF & EMAIL: Failla\_NYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov Hon. Katherine Polk Failla Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square, Room 618 New York, NY 10007

Re:

Ebony S. Jerido v. Uber Technologies, Inc.

Case No.: 1:22-cv-012217

## Dear Honorable Polk Failla:

Our office represents the plaintiff, Ebony S. Jerido ("Plaintiff") in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to this Court's direction by telephone conversation earlier today, Plaintiff submits this letter to request a pre-motion conference to address the relief sought in Plaintiff's motion to remand this matter back to state court.

This is an action to recover damages sustained by Plaintiff in a motor vehicle accident. This matter was removed from the Supreme Court of New York, Bronx County by defendant, Uber Technologies, Inc. ("Uber") on March 21, 2022 after Plaintiff's counsel advised counsel for Uber that Plaintiff intended to consolidate this matter with another action, which would destroy diversity subject matter jurisdiction for this Court. Both actions arise out of the same motor vehicle accident that took place on January 2, 2018 on the roadway located at 160 East 153<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bronx, New York, involving a vehicle operated by Shree K Syangtan and owned by Venture Leasing LLC. The initial

action was commenced against Mr. Syangtan and Venture Leasing LLC. The instant action was

later commenced against Uber, where it is alleged that Mr. Synagtan was operating with the Uber

ride sharing application at the time of the accident. After the resolution of a motion to dismiss

brought by Uber, Plaintiff notified counsel for Uber of Plaintiff's intention to consolidate the

instant action with the action against Mr. Synagtan and Venture Leasing LLC and directed a

stipulation to that effect to counsel for Uber. Shortly thereafter, Uber filed a Notice of Removal

with this Court.

Plaintiff respectfully requests that this action be remanded back to Supreme Court of New

York, Bronx County so that Plaintiff can file a motion to consolidate this action with the action

against Mr. Synagtan and Venture Leasing LLC as originally intended. Both matters arise from

the same occurrence, involve the same questions of law and should be litigated together to avoid

multiple inconsistent and wasteful litigations. See Vanderzalm v. Sechrist Industries, Inc., 875

F.Supp.2d 179 (E.D.N.Y.2018); Bull & Bear Group, Inc. v. Fuller, 786 F.Supp. 388, 392

(S.D.N.Y. 1992).

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if the Court would like any additional

information.

Very truly yours,

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